

MDG Achievement Fund
PROGRAMME QUARTERLY PROGRESS UPDATE
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Country/Theme:	Cambodia / Culture and Development	Participating UN Organization(s):	UNESCO; ILO; UNDP; FAO
Name of Joint Programme:	Creative Industries Support Programme		
OPAS Number	MDGF-1838		
Total Approved Programme Budget:	USD 3,300,000		
Total Amount Transferred to Date:	USD 1,001,851		
Date of first fund transfer:	11 September 2008		
Expected Programme Duration:	Three years		

Narrative (no more than 1 page): Significant events/achievements, and issues that are impeding implementation:
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Following the allocation of funds by New York to the Agencies' Headquarters then to the Field Offices, the recruitment and equipment procurement processes were launched. UNESCO, ILO and FAO completed these processes by the end of December/early January. UNDP coordinator will only start working on 1st of February 2009. 2. The Joint Project Office provided by the Ministry of Culture and Fine Arts has progressively been equipped with furniture, computers, internet etc. The JP staff are now working together in this space for a smoother implementation of the activities. 3. On 15 January 2009, a meeting was organized at the UNESCO Field Office, gathering the MDG-F Joint project staff as well as representatives from UNDP. The agenda of the meeting included the following topics: introduction of the JP staff; update on the equipment procurement; state of relationships with each partner Ministry with the view of convening the next PMC; implementation of the Joint project activities. 4. Since most of the JP activities will focus on a selection of cultural products and partners that will be based on the result of a market study ensured by UNDP, the UNDP Field Office was asked

to start preparing the TOR for this study even before completing their recruitment process. In order to help UNDP moving forward, ILO will participate in the elaboration of the TOR while UNESCO and FAO will provide a list of cultural products to be potentially considered. All participants agreed that a draft of the TOR should be ready by 26 January.

5. In the meanwhile, UNESCO has started consultations with the Ministry of Culture and Fine Arts regarding the establishment of a national Living Human Treasure system in the hope that it would be adopted within the current year. A sub-decree has been drafted by the Ministry and will be submitted to the Council of Ministers for approval, then to an inter-ministerial meeting. On this occasion, UNESCO and the Ministry have agreed to organize a national seminar on LHT to ensure its understanding by all stakeholders besides the MoCFA. UNESCO has also met with several NGOs and institutions to survey the existence and potential of cultural products in the selected provinces.
6. ILO has initiated wide consultations with the Ministry of Industry, Energy and Mines and with a number of NGOs, private entities and ODA agencies to look for potential partners in the field of service providers and training for business skills. A total of 20 institutions have been visited by ILO.
7. More consultations will be held by each Agency with partner ministries in order to prepare the next PMC which should be held as soon as the market study is completed by UNDP.
8. The next steps are the completion of the UNDP study and the selection of products and partners to be made during the PMC meeting.